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This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 09/675,330 filed September 28, 2000, which is a continuation application of International Application No. PCT/JP99/01664 filed March 31, 1999.

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entitled: METHOD FOR HOT-DIP GALVANIZING AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

1a. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including a copy of the Oath or Declaration.

1b. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION:

NKK CORPORATION
Tokyo, Japan

2. [X] FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	<u>28</u>	-20 =	<u>8</u>	x \$18.00 =	\$ <u>144.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>8</u>	-3 =	<u>5</u>	x \$84.00 =	\$ <u>420.00</u>
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				BASIC FEE	\$ <u>740.00</u>
				Total of above Calculations	\$ <u>1,304.00</u>

3. ☒ To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,304.00 is enclosed.

5. ☒ Cancel claims 1 to 8, 18 to 22, 27 to 29, 33, 34, 39, 40, 47 and 48, without prejudice.

6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a division of application Serial Number _____ filed _____

7. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed. 35 Sheets, Figs. 1 to 48

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to NKK CORPORATION, assignment recorded on December 11, 2000 on Reel 011373, Frame 0063 and on April 13, 2001 at Reel 011719, Frame 0196.

9. ☐ Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. _____
Small entity status is still proper and desired.

10. ☒ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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12a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

12b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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14. ☒ Priority claim is made based upon the following:

35 USC 119: Japanese Patent Application No. 10-088764 filed April 1, 1998.
Japanese Patent Application No. 10-088765 filed April 1, 1998.
Japanese Patent Application No. 10-088766 filed April 1, 1998.
Japanese Patent Application No. 10-202514 filed July 17, 1998.
Japanese Patent Application No. 10-270776 filed September 25, 1998.
Japanese Patent Application No. 10-273453 filed September 28, 1998.
Japanese Patent Application No. 10-342579 filed December 2, 1998.

Certified copies filed on September 28, 2000 in said application Serial No. 09/675,330.

35 USC 120: International Application PCT/JF99/01664 filed March 31, 1999
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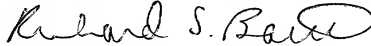
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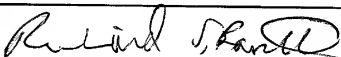
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- ☐ [] Registered practitioner named in the application transmittal letter in an application without an executed oath or declaration. See 37 CFR 1.33(a)(1). Registration Number _____

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